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Tribal bank VP courageous in robbery, hostage ordeal

By WAYNE TROTTER

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It was a little bit before 2 o'clock on Friday, Sept. 4, in the lobby of First National Bank, owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Larry Briggs strolled over to Dale Klingensmith's office to discuss a loan deal they were working on. When he saw a customer and a bank operations officer talking to Klingensmith, Briggs turned and walked away. This could wait.

Such was the seemingly innocent beginning to a chain of events, which would soon

plunge Klingensmith into a half-hour of sheer terror. A First National vice president, Klingensmith would be left blood-covered and shaken but otherwise safe and healthy. His so-called customer, Harold J. Posey Jr. of Ada, would die in a hail of police bullets, after robbing the bank and taking Klingensmith hostage.

It didn't take Briggs, the president of First National, long to realize that something was wrong in the office three doors from his own. He first began to smell trouble when the operations officer came out and asked Briggs to accompany her

to the vault. Although it takes two employees to go into the vault, it's not normal for the bank president to be one of them. He doesn't know a single combination or where the keys are, Briggs acknowledged in an interview.

"To come and get me to do that type of task is highly unusual," Briggs said. Of the bank operations officer, Briggs said, "She was nervous. She took off like a shot."

Briggs didn't realize it then but said later that the woman "didn't want to be seen walking with me." Although it is not possible to see Briggs' office



Dale Klingensmith

from Klingensmith's desk, it is possible to see the lobby that had to be crossed to reach the

vault.

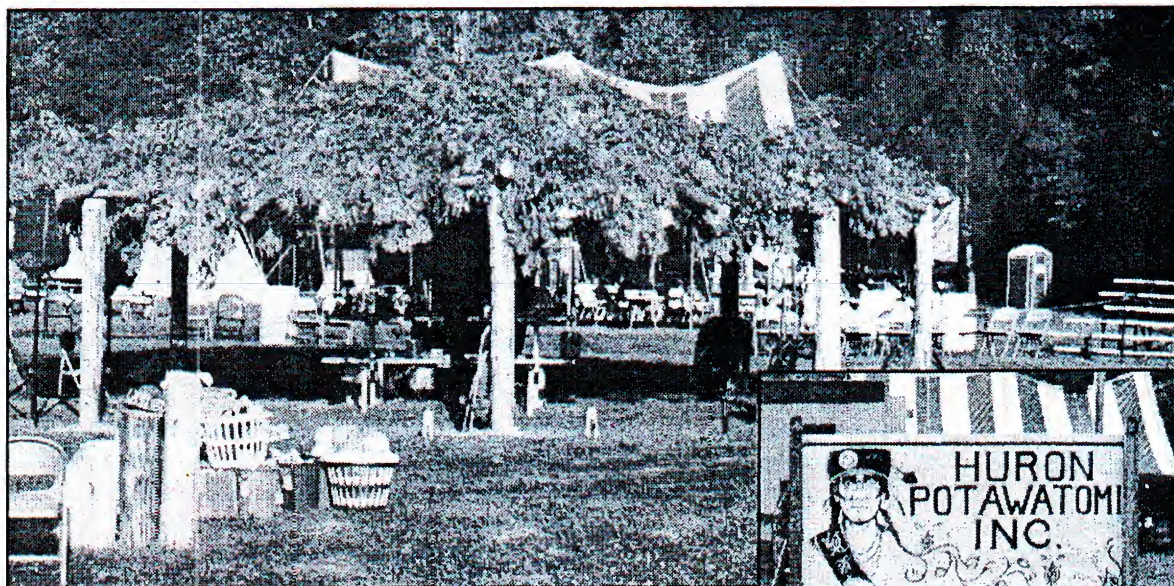
"I went directly to the vault," Briggs recalled. "She went to the door right beside the vault. I thought she was getting some keys. Then she whispered to me that she had to be quiet. No one could know."

In a voice so low he could hardly hear, the nervous operations officer told Briggs that the bank was being robbed. The man in Dale Klingensmith's office had asked for an amount of money so large that the bank didn't have it on hand.

The man claimed to have a bomb. But, if he was to get any

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Sixth annual Gathering brings Potawatomis together again



This Brush Arbor Greeted Visitors To The 6th Annual Gathering Of The Potawatomi Nations Near Battle Creek, Michigan, Hosted By The Huron Potawatomi

Members and leaders of the seven Potawatomi nations converged on a beautiful wooded area near Battle Creek, Michigan from August 27 through August 30 for the sixth annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations.

Reports from the Gathering indicate that, as is usual, it was a time for making new friendships and solidifying old ones, cultural awareness and learning, and simply enjoying the rustic surroundings.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band hosted this Gathering. The Huron Band is a small but growing tribe with progressive leadership and exciting plans for the future. Huron Band Chairman Terry Chivas and a

small army of tribal employees and volunteers had prepared a full agenda of activities that educated, informed, entertained, and fed the spirits of the Hurons' guests.

Some 25 members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation rode a tribally chartered bus from Shawnee to Michigan. They left before dawn on Tuesday, August 25, and arrived back in Shawnee on Monday, August 31 - physically exhausted but spiritually renewed.

Teresa Vieux, a tribal member and an employee in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on ...

Grace Lujulia Burns

Lifelong Shawnee resident Grace Lujulia Burns died Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998, in Shawnee. She was 80.

Services were held Aug. 24 at Cooper Funeral chapel with Bill Matthews and Phil Thompson officiating. Burial followed in Tecumseh Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home, Tecumseh.

Burns was born January 8, 1918, in Wanette to William Burris and Iva Lou (Lazelle) Goodman. She had been a waitress and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Wynona Goodin, Mustang, Oklahoma; Paul and Edye Goodin, Longtown, Oklahoma; son, Willie Goodin, Houston, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Dale Edmonds, Shawnee, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her parents; a sister, Lucile Scovil; and two brothers, Thomas "Buster" Goodman and Harley Goodman preceded her in death.

Betty Melott Smith

Betty Melott Smith, 70 of Hurtsboro, Alabama, died Wednesday, July 1, 1998,

at the Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia. Graveside services were held at Hurtsboro Cemetery, with Rev. Thomas Mansell officiating, according to Corbitt's Funeral Home, Tuskegee, AL.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, William H. "Billy" Smith of Hurtsboro; a son, Raymond H. Smith of Chattanooga, TN; two daughters, Linda S. Smith of Hatcherchubbee, AL, and Betty K. Davis of Hurtsboro; four grandchildren, Bay Davis of Hurtsboro and Kelly Adair of Homewood, AL, Emily and Franke Smith of Hatcherchubbee; two great-grandchildren, Davis and Bailey Adair of Homewood; and a sister, Raynell Butler of Salem, AL.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, GA or to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Leonard E. Walter

Leonard E. Walter, 78, formerly of Beresford who lived at 7111 Idle Way, Fair Oaks, CA, died at his home on July 18, 1998.

He was born near Beresford February 19, 1920 to William and Maude Walter. He attended the Beresford schools, graduating from high school in 1937. After graduation he worked in Chicago.

December 8, 1941 he enlisted in the Air Force, trained at Lowry Field, Colorado and Brooksville, Florida before going overseas in October 1943. In England, he served with the 8th Air Force Group as a gunner on a B-17. During his time there his crew flew on 25 missions over Europe.

After his return to the States in April he married Ida Calabrese in Denver. He made the Air Force his career, retiring after 26 years. During this time, he was stationed at a base in England, bases in Ohio, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Hampshire. After retirement he lived in Fair Oaks, CA until his death.

Survivors include two sons, Gary and Leonard F.; two grandsons, Matthew and Jason; one sister, Veva Lothrop, Sioux Falls; two brothers, Donald, Spring Hill, FL; Milton, LaPlace, LA. Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers, James and LeRoy; one sister, Norma Jean.

Services were held at the Mt. Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, CA.

Leonard was a member of the Potawatomi Nation. His grandfather was James Brigham Muller, and his mother was Maude Muller Walter.



Musician In Training

George Frank Carganilla, descendent of Abraham Burnett, Abram Burnett, Joseph Burnett, Clara Burnett, Rhodie Shincis, Ramona (Castaneda) Carganilla, and George N. Carganilla, recently completed his first year at the University of California-Santa Barbara. He will return there for the fall semester as an "undeclared major" and as a member of the award-winning Jazz Band on saxophone. His parents, George N. and Sandra Carganilla, reside in Simi Valley, California. George N. Carganilla is a music teacher and a member of the 562nd Air Force Band of Southern California.

Tribal member visits historic sites

Tribal member Wanda (Hardin) Miles of Shawnee, OK, recently visited her daughter and son-in-law Kaye (Miles) and Steve Warren in Elkhart, Indiana. The occasion for the visit was the birth of Mrs. Miles' great-granddaughter, Jordan Marie Breneman, on May 30, 1998. Jordan's parents are the Warrens' daughter Kasey Marie and her husband Tom Breneman.

Mrs. Warren is a former employee of the Potawatomi Nation who held one of the first computer jobs. Mrs. Warren now works as a computer trainer and technical support specialist in Mishawaka, Indiana (the town is named for yet another Potawatomi ancestor, the Princess Mishawaka).

While in Elkhart Mrs. Miles visited sites of historic significance to the Potawatomis. The city of Elkhart was founded on land that was purchased in 1832 from Potawatomi Chief Pierre Moran. The Potawatomis camped on an island in between the Elkhart and St. Joseph rivers. This island can be seen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Miles and her daughters, Kaye Warren and Annette Miles, often walked in the island park where the Potawatomis once lived. The town is named after the island since its shaped like an elk's heart, or so the Indians said.

Neighbors have told the Warrens that documentation of their homes tells of the original owners seeing bands of Potawatomi Indians camping on what is now called the Island Park. They would hunt frequently along the side of the St. Joseph River. The locals hold Pierre Moran in great esteem as many buildings are named for the chief, including a local middle school.

Scholarship recipients complete degrees

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to give a special recognition to the following students who have participated in the BIA Grant Higher Education Program. These students should be commended for being determined and dedicated in reaching their goals. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Business Committee and the BIA Programs Higher Education Staff extend their congratulations to:

SARAH HOPP	5/98	Bachelor of Arts in English
JOYCE LEWIS	8/98	Bachelor of Arts in Math
DOROTHY SIMMONS	5/98	Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications
TIKI SISSELL	8/98	Bachelor of Arts in History
LORRIE WERNER	5/98	Bachelor of Arts in Technical Comm.
KIMBERLY WILLIAMS	5/98	Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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TRIBAL TRACTS

Family establishes cemetery after losing three loved ones

On Sept. 15, 1997, the Sen Ko Kwe Gate Cemetery was formed. When our sister Connie Darlene Wood walked on, Sept. 12, 1997, it was decided to form a family cemetery. Our brother Carol W. Silas gave us permission to construct the cemetery on his land, which had belonged to Nick Vieux, our grandfather, who inherited it from his mother, Madeline Bourbonnais. The land was allotted to her by the Allotment Act of February 8, 1887.

On September 13, 1997 land was cleared by Kurtis Silas, Carol and Elena Silas. On Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, our wonderful mother, Ines Marie Vieux Silas Brinlee, walked on to be with God. Mom was born Nov. 18, 1915, at Sacred Heart, Oklahoma, to Nickolas and Dessie Vieux.

On March 1, 1998, an arch was constructed in dedication, love, and honor to our mother, Ines Marie Vieux Silas Brinlee,

and also to our sister, Connie Darlene Wood. Many members of the family discussed the style and design of the arch. While in Texas visiting Don and Muriel Dean (Silas) Laxton, her daughter and son-in-law, Mom and Don agreed about the design and Don had the arch built in Mexico. When Don and Dean brought the arch to Oklahoma to set up, it took three days from early morning 'til late at night to construct. Completion date was March 3, 1998. Many family members were present to help: Don and Muriel Dean Laxton, Midland, TX.

Carol and Elena Silas, St. Louis, OK.

Ronnie and Pat, Tyler Hargus, St. Louis, OK.

Sue Milburn, Shawnee, OK.

Jim and Delta Hogan, Shawnee, OK.

Rob and Carrie Milburn, Pearson, OK.

Joe Ray and Charilyn Milburn,



Shawnee, OK.

Danny and Sharon, Dawndra, Tellina and Clancey Wood, Seminole, OK.

Russ Wood, Edmond, OK.

Uncle Charlie Vieux, St. Louis, OK.

Jess Williams, St. Louis, OK.

Special thanks to Rob Milburn for his welding and use of his welding truck and supplies; Bill Laird, St. Louis, for the use of his backhoe; and Mick Goodnight, St. Louis, for the use of his Ginpole truck.

Special thanks to Rocky Barrett who has been helpful in getting the cemetery registered

We want to apologize to Rocky Barrett, Hilton Melot, Noble and Esther Lowden, Norman Kiker and their families and to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for not saying our special thank you earlier in the loss of our sister, Connie Darlene Wood in September, 1997; the loss of our mother, Ines Vieux Silas Brinlee in December 1997; and the loss of our brother, Kenneth Ray Silas, April 1998. All of our losses were very sudden and in our sorrow and grief we have neglected telling the people who were very sympathetic, supportive and helpful, we appreciate all they did for us in each tragedy.

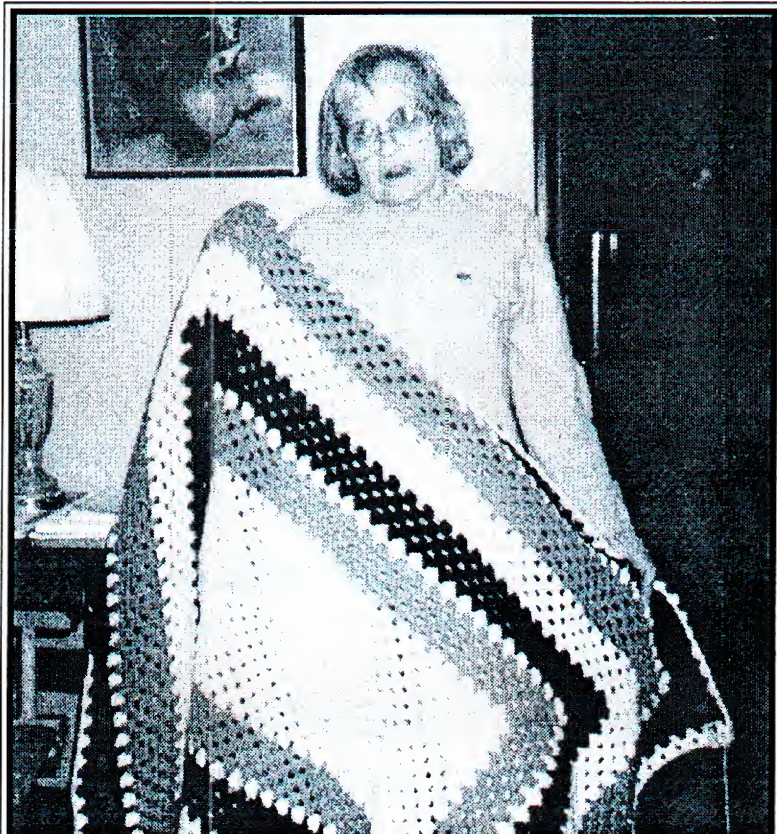
The Ines Vieux Silas Brinlee Family

with the Indian Burial Rights (and for putting in an application to the state for registration).

We want to thank the

Potawatomi Nation People for their kindness during our time of grief and sadness.

The Ines Vieux Silas Brinlee Family



Tribal Member Turns Eighty

Lorraine M. Lewis, granddaughter of Delilah Bourassa Nourie, turned 80 in August this year. She was born in 1918 in Beaverville, Illinois; later on she raised her two children, Sandra Walker and Michael Hequet, mostly on her own. Her road has been long. She now enjoys making afghans and has completed over forty of them.

Marker to be donated Sept. 30

A historical plaque marking the place where the Potawatomi Indians camped overnight as they crossed into Kansas on the forced march from Indiana to Kansas in 1838, known as the Trail of Death, will be dedicated at noon Wednesday, Sept. 30.

After the ceremony a luncheon will be held nearby. RSVP to Mary Carr (785) 267-2908 by Sept. 15 if you plan to be there so arrangements can be completed. Location: 2470 West 215th St., Stiwell, Kansas. Directions: from Kansas City take I-435 to Hwy 69 South to 199th St. (exit marked Aubry-Stiwell). Go east to State Line Rd. (a little over 3 miles), turn south to 215th St.

The funds for the marker were donated by 20 Navarre families from across the United States. Thank you, thank you! We appreciate your donations. We received over \$500. If you missed out you can contribute towards another plaque, which would be located in Missouri. Any money left now will start that fund.

Actual installation work is being done by the Confirmation class at Holy Trinity, Paola, Kansas.

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Catherine Devader
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FOR THE RECORD

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 10, 1998

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary / Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Administrative Secretary Vickie Canfield, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell. Absent: Committeeman Jerry P. Motley.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-69 changing the quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, May 28, 1998 to Wednesday, June 10, 1998; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #98-70 granting a waiver to the Housing Authority of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma to provide rehabilitation of houses within the jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #98-71 congratulating Angela Renee Riley on the occasion of her graduating from Harvard Law School, Thursday, June 4, 1998; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Committeeman Motley previously voted by phone.

Linda Capps moved to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ending September 30, 1997; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to make a supplemental submission to the HowNiKan and General Council on Union Bank's performance on the Trust Fund Investment; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve the minutes, with one amendment, of the February 25, 1998 Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 6:40 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-72 approving the relinquishment of Anna Cadue Rodriguez; Gene Bruno seconded. =Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to table Resolution #98-73 pertaining to relinquishment; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98-74 enrolling 21 applicants eligible under previous guidelines; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #98-75 enrolling 21 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-76 enrolling 27 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98-77 enrolling 29 descendency applicants; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #98-78 enrolling 28 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #98-79 enrolling 31 descendency applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #98-80 enrolling 17 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

There being no further business before the Business Committee, Linda Capps moved to adjourn; Hilton Melot seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

John A. Barrett, Jr., Chairman
Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer



WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following tribal members were enrolled under the previous guidelines:

Michael Wesley Watson
Harley Carl Mullinax
Steven Lee Stoll
Richard Farrell Pawpa
Sheena Rose Marie Wano
Summer Dawn Wano
Dillon Michael Levier
James Jay LeVier
Marilyn Faye Philpot Bruce
Joyce Ellen Hopper Fields

The following tribal members were enrolled under descendency:

Logan Hunter Brewer
Ralph Lester Rushing
Brooklyn Nicole Mixon
Breanna Nichole Brewer
Leah Marie Peters
Cameron Janice Ables
Cheyenne Jean Ables
Blakely Dawn Swantek
Alexandria Nicole Lerblance
Kylie Nicole Sprague
Wesley Dwayne Howell
Bryan Wayne Bishop
Nicole Denise Phillips
Deanna Sue Mitchell Berry

Bradley Scott Anderson
Stephen Nicholas Hockersmith
Johnathon Straud Carlisle
Robin Jennee Curley
Chelsea Elizabeth Morris
Gabriel Paul Hathcock
Cassandra Jo Hathcock
Christopher Barrett Hathcock
Samantha Alane Banta
Andrew Franklin Banta
Alivia Ellen Gatewood
Steven James Flanagan
Shayd Austin Percifield
Shandi Ambre Percifield
Natalie Grace Kieffer
Hannah Lauren Roberts
Samantha Nicole Roberts
Erin Elizabeth Morgan
Christopher Jeremy Stephens
Michael Dickson Martin
David Conally Martin
Stephanie Nichole Hockersmith
Lane Ross Lorenz
Caitland Marie Lorenz
Evan Connor Stoll
Brianna Shea Stoll
Thomas Jordan Stoll
Jacqueline Amy Fields
Samuel Bryant Belcher

Mikayla Jordan Winter
Timothy James Bishop
Joshua Dwayne Keys
Jesse Wayne Keys
David Morgan Ledeboer
Cory Lee Ketzler
Kylah Lachelle Ketzler
Devin Wayne Slawson
Jacob Evan Lee Payne
Malcom Allen Lee
Nova Rae Burks
Evan Michael Green

Matthew Joseph Morgan
Zachary Lane Silas
James Dustin Kagay
Shelby Lynn Estep
Kacey Alexia Haynes
Madilyn Kate Patton
Caley Renee Babb
Skye Alexandra Eastman
Marshall Jay Lewis
Jordan Robert Frapp
Dathan Riley Holik

- ◆ Learn how to work with other young people
- ◆ Build strong friendships
- ◆ Develop communication and leadership skills
- ◆ Enhance community knowledge about the Native American culture.

FIRE LODGE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

is in the process of organizing a Potawatomi Tribal Youth Council. If you are between the ages of 15 and 24, please contact Jana Ross at 405-275-3176 to get the scoop!

TRIBAL TRACTS



Deborah Anderson

Anderson receives scholarship from Odwalla Inc.

(Half Moon Bay, CA) – Deborah Anderson, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a student at Bastyr University in Seattle, Washington, recently earned the Odwalla Femme Vitale Scholarship.

The Femme Vitale Scholar is a woman pursuing a degree in wellness, health, and/or nutrition. She demonstrates a vitality of spirit that embodies Odwalla's vision of *Nourishing the Body Whole*. Odwalla, Inc. established this scholarship in 1995 to honor and support women in the community by assisting them in attaining an undergraduate or advanced degree in their respective field of study.

Anderson and three other winners chosen from a nationwide competitive pool of applicants have received a

\$2,000 scholarship for the upcoming school year.

Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, Anderson helped implement community health programs in Paraguay as a member of the Peace Corps. Following this public service commitment, as well as working on an HIV community outreach program, Anderson chose to return to graduate school to integrate physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Currently, she is studying to become a naturopathic physician and licensed midwife. "My goal is to be able to achieve wellness in my own life as well as pass this on to others. I hope to empower my patients to take charge of their health and well-being."

The judging panel for Odwalla's

Femme Vitale Scholarship program consisted of women from all levels at Odwalla, including co-founder, Bonnie Bassett. The panel met in Half Moon Bay, Calif. in May to review and discuss 70 applicants.

Scholarship selection criteria include relevance of applicant's field of study to health and nutrition, academic credentials, leadership qualities, and a degree of commitment to the community. Candidates must reside or study in a geographic area where Odwalla products are sold.

Odwalla, Inc. is the leading supplier of nourishing beverages in the western United States, serving thousands of accounts throughout the western and Midwestern U.S. from its production facility in Dinuba, California.

Last Prairie Band member living on own allotment walks on

(This article from the Topeka (KS) Capital-Journal was submitted by tribal member Yvonne J. Hefner. It was written by Ric Anderson and appeared in the July 10, 1998 edition.)

Nothing — not the desperate years of the depression or a fire that destroyed his home — could make William LaClair bow to the pressure of a government policy aimed at splintering his people. LaClair, the last Prairie Band of the Potawatomi tribal member to own and live on his original allotment of land granted by the Dawes Severalty Act of 1887, died Monday at Holton nursing home. He was 95.

"We're losing a part of history," said Gary Mitchell, a nephew and a historian for the Potawatomi Tribe.

A surviving son, Milton LaClair of Mayetta, said his father was allotted 80 acres of land on the Potawatomi reservation in his boyhood. He said his father talked often about the importance of retaining the acreage, where the family lived and farmed. "To him, as to a lot of our people, it is a way of life," he said. "It is life. Working with the earth, growing food, that is life."

To understand the significance of LaClair's hold on his land, it is important to know about the intent and effects of the Dawes Act. Sponsored by Sen. Henry Laurens Dawes, the act was promoted as a way to integrate Indians into mainstream white society through homesteading. The act stipulated Indians give up their communal tribal lands in return for individual land grants.

Even at the time it was adopted,

critics saw the measure as a naked attempt to force Indians off their tribal property. Sen. Henry Teller said the real motivation behind the act was to "get at the Indians' land and open it up for resettlement." The Dawes Act, which Theodore Roosevelt would trumpet as a "mighty pulverizing machine to break up the tribal mass," did exactly what Teller believed it was designed to do. Improperly, oppressed and unfamiliar with the farm techniques the were supposed to ensure their self-sufficiency, Indians sold millions of acres to more affluent whites.

According to documentation compiled by Mitchell, land held by Indians plummeted from 138 million acres in 1887 to 52 million acres in 1934. The Potawatomi lost nearly 50,000 acres. Mitchell said the Potawatomi resisted the measure, realizing it could disrupt the tribal community. Before the Dawes Act, he said, the sale of land held by Indian tribes could be approved by an act of Congress. After the act was forced onto the tribe, Mitchell said, many tribal members sold their allotments.

LaClair and others who held their land helped preserve a foothold for the tribe, Mitchell said. Although the land was free, he said, keeping it was often a struggle. As the farm economy plummeted during the Depression years, many Indians were forced to sell. William LaClair faced other disasters, including a fire in the early 1980s that destroyed his family's home. About a year after the fire, the property was hit by a tornado that demolished a number of outbuildings spared by the blaze. The home was replaced, and William

LaClair continued to live on his allotment until about three years ago, when he moved into a nursing home.

Milton LaClair recalled his father as a wiry, energetic man who "could work as hard as any two men" and cared deeply about his roots. William LaClair's connection to his people helped keep him anchored to his ground, his son said. "He retained his language," he said. "He knew that fluently. His heritage was important to him." Mitchell said William LaClair frequently volunteered to help members of the reservation community and was highly respected by his neighbors. After the

fire, he said, the community returned William LaClair's outpouring by donating time and money to help the family recover.

Milton LaClair said his father's interests included playing baseball, running foot races, gambling and working. William LaClair retired from farming while in his 70s, but then worked at Skinner Nursery for about 10 more years. "I had a call from a person yesterday in Montana who had heard about his death," Milton LaClair said. "He said, 'The community's suffered a great loss.'"

Thought For Today

PROVIDED BY STEVE KIME, TRIBAL MEMBER AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER FROM TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Early one morning while out for a run, I witnessed a very heart-touching sight. Two men were running side by side and coming straight towards me. As we passed each other, I noticed the men were holding a leather strap in their hands. The strap was about 6 inches long and each man carried one end of it — one man carried it in his right hand, and the other man in his left. During the brief moment that our paths crossed, I recognized one of the men as a local runner who is blind. Both men were accomplishing their goal of exercise, but one was leading and assisting the other. What a sight! Side by side and with helping hands, the men ran on!

Take time today to be like those runners. Someone is waiting for you to extend a hand and lead the way!

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!

DONATIONS TO THE HOWNIKAN

Delmer & Pat Covington, Topeka, Kansas

Gary L. & Judith A. Holloway, Colgate, WI

Barrett, Briggs praise actions of Klingensmith, police

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money at all, he would have to settle for less than he was asking. Neither the amount he wanted nor the amount he temporarily possessed have been made public.

"I picked up the phone and called 9-1-1," Briggs said. "I told them we were in the process of being robbed." He said he gave the 9-1-1 dispatcher as much of a description of the robber as he could. He also asked that police not use sirens or send uniformed people into the bank.

The operations officer put the money in a mailbag and took it back to Klingensmith's office.

"He (Posey) turned to Dale and said Dale was coming with him," Briggs recalled. "He said he would drop Dale off in a block or two. They started down the hallway. I reported that there was now a hostage involved. He walked Dale out to Dale's car."

Although Shawnee Police Chief Hank Land believes the robber must have seen the police cars, which were approaching the bank on MacArthur before the two men got into Klingensmith's maroon Buick Century, Briggs thinks otherwise.

Klingensmith was forced into the driver's seat while the robber sat on the passenger side. Briggs says Klingensmith saw the officers approaching and backed out in a way that made it hard for Posey to see them at all. When Klingensmith brought the car to a stop beneath the flagpole in front of the bank, Posey drew his gun. After that, officers had a ticklish challenge.

They were using sirens by now, Land said, and indeed had used them to clear some traffic on the way to the bank.

With a parade of police cars in pursuit and a gun pointed constantly at the hostage, the Buick proceeded north on Union, the street which flanks the bank on the east. Klingensmith drove west on 45th Street to Kickapoo, where he again turned north. Klingensmith stayed on Kickapoo until it reached EW 111, a county road. There, Klingensmith turned east again. At Harrison, he turned south. When they reached Westech Road, Klingensmith and the robber turned east.

By the time the robber and his hostage got back to the intersection of Westech Road and Harrison, now headed west, officers had pulled out the stop sticks carried in every car and laid down a wall of tire-piercing metal across the road. Posey evidently saw them and ordered Klingensmith to turn into a parking lot. Klingensmith drove straight into the stop sticks, bursting all four tires.

In a split second, matters turned chaotic.

With the gun still pointed at him, Klingensmith began struggling with his captor. Believing they heard gunfire, the policemen started shooting. Land said



Officers Shows Television Reporters Stop Sticks Used To Disable The Car Containing Hostage Dale Klingensmith And The Robber

eight to ten rounds might have been discharged into the Buick. It was all over almost as quickly as it had started.

"Neither one of them was moving" when officers reached the car, Land said in an interview at the scene. The police chief said the banker still had his hand on the robber's gun and was covered with blood. But, he reported happily, "we realized Dale was OK."

Later, Chief Land speculated that Klingensmith might actually have pushed the assailant up to give the officers a better shot. The robber's body evidently shielded Klingensmith from the gunfire.

In all, five Shawnee police officers fired into the car, all hitting either the vehicle or the robber. Those five officers — Sgt. Johnny Moody, Lt. Wayne Crall, Cpl. Raymond Vague, Patrolman Kent Borcharding, and Patrolman Ken King — returned to work on Friday Sept. 11.

They were on administrative leave with pay for six days, as a Shawnee Police department review board and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation looked into the propriety of their use of firearms. "The decision from the review board is that this was a justifiable use of force and (that) state and federal requirements were fulfilled," said Hank Land, Shawnee Chief of Police.

The OSBI probe is still in progress, according to Kym Koch, OSBI spokeswoman. Koch said that results of case agent Mike Collins' investigation will be turned over to Kay Christiansen, Pottawatomie County District Attorney, in late September or early October. Christiansen will determine whether any further action is warranted.

Land praised all his men and Klingensmith. "We're fortunate to have the professionalism that was demonstrated by our officers," he said. "Their ability to discern between the good guys and the bad guys was due to a lot of luck and good training. Each of our officers had an opportunity to exercise

his own judgment and each of them did," he said.

"I think Dale also deserves a great deal of credit because, from our perspective, he fought through the incident and saved his own life," the chief said.

John "Rocky" Barrett, Potawatomi Nation Chairman, agreed with Chief Land. "Dale acted with courage in a dangerous situation. We believe he saved his own life and helped prevent injury to anyone else," Barrett said.

"We are very pleased that the investigation has determined these five officers used the proper level of force. They also acted courageously and, we believe, very professionally."

Although police found Posey's own car at a skating rink about a quarter-mile west on MacArthur the next day, by the next Tuesday there still wasn't much indication as to why he chose this bank on this day. When he first walked in, he had asked about a business loan, which was why he was referred to

Klingensmith's office.

Meanwhile, back at the bank on Friday afternoon, Briggs was getting the word that his vice president and friend was all right. "I got a telephone call saying 'your guy is OK'," he recalled. Land was on the other end of the line.

Briggs told all employees who had seen anything to write down their recollections immediately. The bank closed and remained that way for the rest of Friday while FBI agents interviewed employees. Briggs left to go check on Klingensmith.

He was greatly relieved when he discovered that his vice president had retained his sense of humor. The first thing his blood-covered friend asked was whether he could have an hour off to change his clothes.

The delighted Briggs returned the comment in kind. Pointing to the bullet-riddled Buick, he humorously asked a banker's question: "Do we hold the paper on that car?"

The answer was "no" but it won't be for long. Briggs said that the bank will take care of the damage done to Klingensmith's car. "We'll probably buy it," he added.

Meanwhile, the FBI is reviewing its unsolved Oklahoma bank robberies to try to determine if Posey, a Gulf War veteran who was experiencing financial problems related to gambling debts, was involved in of them.

"We think there may be two or three where he looks like he is a real strong suspect," said Dan Vogel, spokesman for the FBI office in Oklahoma City. The FBI is reviewing surveillance camera footage and fingerprints from the unsolved robberies, hoping they will reveal whether Posey is responsible.

And employees of a Shawnee grocery store picked Posey out of a photo lineup as the man who robbed the store of \$12,000 in early August.

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Tribal employee's daughter named princess

The 1998 "Little Miss Pleasant Grove" Indian Princess is the daughter of a Citizen Potawatomi Nation employee. Aja Lynn Tainpeah Wichita won the honor in a pageant in which she delivered a speech, modeled a tribal dress and described it, and demonstrated a talent.

Princess Aja is the daughter of Ramona and Ray Tainpeah. Ramona Tainpeah is an employee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Museum and Gift Shop.

Aja's paternal ancestors include: Taneedoah and Thy-say-mah; William and Goom-tigh Tainpeah; Guy and Alice Tainpeah; and, John and Dorothy Tainpeah. Her maternal grandparents are Edna and Jack Belcher of Eufala, Oklahoma.

In her speech, 9-year-old Aja said, "I am Kiowa, Wichita, Seminole, Creek, and Euchee. I am from the Wind Clan. My Indian name is Ho-ma-the-dee, which means The One Who Stands in Front."

Miss Tainpeah added, "I feel that I would be a good Miss Indian Princess for Pleasant Grove because I have been able to make straight As since kindergarten, because I want to be a good representative for my school, and I would proudly represent many tribes."

Aja wore and described a traditional Kiowa cloth dress, with an Eagle plume as a hair ornament. She carried a fan made from a Golden Eagle. In her talent demonstration, Aja explained how to make a traditional Kiowa baby swing, which is similar to a hammock. Then, she sang a



Princess Aja And Escort

lullaby.

For being named "Little Miss Pleasant Grove," Aja Tainpeah earned a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from BancFirst of Shawnee.



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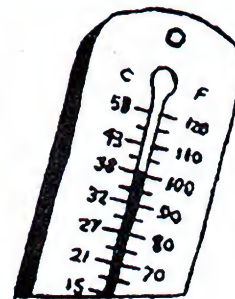
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Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Members Mildred Flynn, Wally Meshagod (Who Was Firekeeper For The Gathering), Teresa Vieux And Johnny Flynn Enjoy A Good Conversation.



The Citizen Potawatomi Contingent Broke From Its Bus Trip To View The Cahokia Mounds Near St. Louis, Missouri. They Are The Last Vestiges Of The Mississippian Culture.



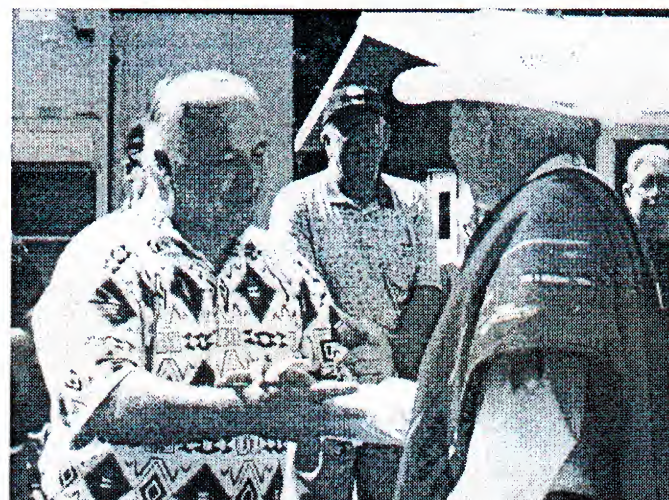
Bob Moody, Chairman Of The Pokagon Band, Contemplates Gathering Activities



Citizen Potawatomi Elder Walter Cooper Enjoyed The Bus Ride To Michigan



Chairman Barrett, Right, At Giveaway With Members Of The Hannahville Contingent



Above, Chairman Barrett Greet A Representative Of The Prairie Band During A Giveaway. At Right, Barrett And Terry Chivas, Chairman Of The Host Nottawaseppi Huron Band, Visit.



Tribal employee gives impressions of trip to Gathering

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Program, served as the eyes and ears of the HowNiKan at the Gathering. She shot the photos included in this edition of your HowNiKan and filed this first-person article:

The HowNiKan staff has asked me to share my feelings about the sixth annual Potawatomi gathering with you. In all honesty, there was so much to experience that I don't know where to begin.

I learned many things about my tribe, as well as the six other Potawatomi nations and tribes. The people in Michigan were very friendly and happy to see the Citizen

Potawatomi group arrive.

As we rode from Shawnee to Michigan, Mr. Walter Cooper, a Citizen Potawatomi elder and my newest friend, and Rev. Norman Kiker spoke to me in the Citizen Potawatomi language. They even taught me some Potawatomi words and phrases!

As we entered the beautiful territory in Michigan that was completely new to most of us bus riders, we, nevertheless, had a feeling of returning home – returning home to a place we had never visited.

Walter and I discussed the beauty of the country and the richness that was ours. I must admit to feeling some animosity. I was

so happy to be around and part of this wonderful Gathering of my people. However, at the same time, I felt robbed of this utterly beautiful land that was taken from all of the Potawatomi.

I am proud to be Potawatomi and proud to have been part of this Gathering. The fellowship we shared, as a people united, was, well..., you'll just have to go there and feel it for yourself. I can't think of the proper words to express the feelings that surrounded me.

In closing, I want to thank the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for providing us the transportation to and from Battle Creek, as

well as transportation while we were at the Gathering.

I also want to thank each Potawatomi whom I met there and the ones who went with us on the bus. I had a wonderful time and thank Charlie Vieux for making me Potawatomi – and PROUD OF IT.

The seventh annual Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations will be held in South Bend, Indiana, and will be hosted by the Pokagon Band. The HowNiKan will provide information about the agenda and other important details, as they become available.

THE POTAWATOMI NATIONS



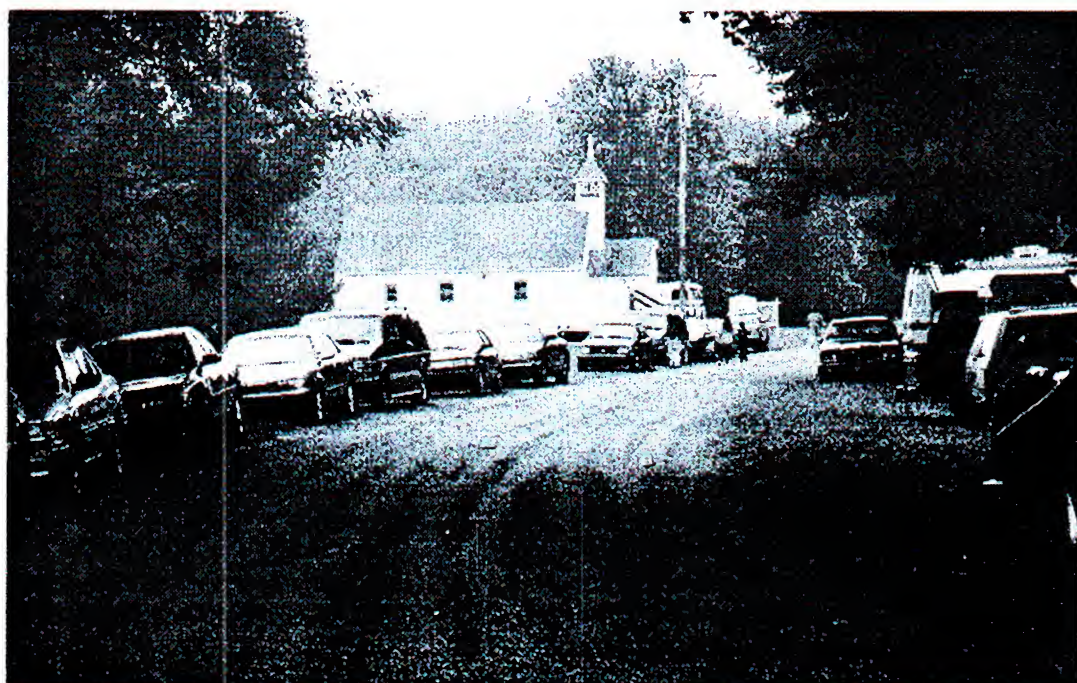
The Citizen Potawatomi Delegates Took Time Out For A Group Photo.



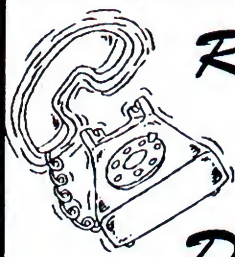
Above, Potawatomi Officials: From Left, Terry Chivas, Nottawaseppi Huron; an unidentified man; John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Willard Whitman, Walpole Island First Nation; And Bob Moody, Pokagon Band.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Princess Kristi Phillips, Above, Was Crowned Princess For Next Year's Gathering While In Michigan. Below, The Maud Resident Is Congratulated By Other Potawatomis.



Framed By The Beautiful Michigan Forest, An Old Church (Left) On The Nottawaseppi Huron Resavaton Caught The Eye Of Photographer Teresa Vieux. The Church Dates Back To The 19th Century.



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REGIONAL REPORTS

Midwest

Bourzho from Kansas City,

My report this month will include information from our May 30 regional council meeting. Somehow my report got lost in a "fax black hole." Who knows where it got lost? I thought it was real strange when it didn't appear in the June How Ni Kan. So, better now than never.

In July, my husband Bill and I went on vacation on our Gold Wing motorcycle touring several states including Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. It was a 3600 mile trip in fourteen days. This was my first experience on a motorcycle tour. My husband had done it several times before. I have to say it was exciting and at times challenging, mostly due to the elements, but it was worth it. (If only we can find a way to take our two Himalayan cats with us.)

I've got to say Montana is some of the most beautiful country I've ever seen. Glacier National Park was absolutely breathtaking. Seeing all those majestic mountains, the clear mountain streams and every now and then an eagle flying over head makes one feel very humble and thank Gitche Manitou for all of these beautiful things of nature he has given us. After getting out of the city and finding yourself among all of the peace, serenity and exquisite beauty beckons one to want to stay forever.

On my end in Kansas City, I am in the process of helping to locate land for our first regional office. At this writing my search has just begun. I'm sure before too long we'll be able to locate just what we've been looking for.

The rest of this article is from the May report. Some of it may be a little dated by now. We had a revealing and rewarding time at our regional council meeting on May 30 which was held at the Raddison Hotel in Overland Park, KS. More than just a social gathering, we were surprised, amazed and gratified by the progress made by our tribal representatives in Shawnee. In this regard, we were honored to have our tribal chairman John "Rocky" Barrett Jr., Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Gene Bruno, public relations director Michael Dodson, and gift shop and museum director Esther Lowden join us. We had around 140 people in attendance for the occasion. Tribal members ranged in age from eight days to eighty nine years.

Rocky announced that plans were afoot to build a new Potawatomi Center in the Kansas City area. Although many of the details are still in the planning stage at this point, it certainly sounds like a great many things are going to happen for all of us in the very near future. The center should be big enough — somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 square feet — to accommodate a variety of activities. Such a center would provide a place to hold a small pow wow, provide language classes, establish office space and offer activities for the children and the elders, as well as to teach shawl making, regalia — indeed, the possibilities are endless!

We have arrived at a definite turning point in tribal activities. We've gone from a small trailer and tribal resources of \$500 to the sixth largest and one of

the most productive nations in this country, exhibiting resources in the neighborhood of \$50 million dollars. The task for our people at present is not simply to march into a greater economic future, but to draw from the past those themes of aid and mutual assistance which once marked us as a great nation. It is to strike what Lincoln called the "mystic chords of memory" within the heritage and tradition of the Potawatomi people.

Establishing this spiritual bond with the past will require our active participation in all phases of tribal activity. A Potawatomi center in the Kansas City area will not only expand a variety of needed services, but will also serve as a tribal touchpoint for cultural identification.

Upcoming Pow Wows and events of interests in our area:

Farmington, Mo. — St. Francis River Pow Wow — September (no date given) For info call 573-756-6702/8261

Moberly, Mo. — Native American Pow Wow — September 11-13th. For info call 660-263-3009

Lake Ozark, Mo. — 11th Annual Osage River Mountain Man Rendezvous — Sept. 18-20. For info call: 800-451-4117

Lee's Summit, Mo. — Missouri Town 1855 Fall Festival — October 3-4. For info call 816-795-8200 ext. 1-260

If you have any items of interest, pow wow listings or other events, please let me know and I will pass it on. Until next time, take care of one another.

Pama mine,"

— Maryann Bell

Northern California

Bosho, niconi,

The first week of August is proving to be a tough one for many sensitive to the heat. It seemed to take us a long time to get to summer and then, boom! (as John Madden might say) here it is!

We spent a week in the mountains at Huntington Lake. It was unusually warm at 7200 ft. as well. It was good to be so close and conscious of our Grandmother Earth and take time to really appreciate her. The business of life sometimes keeps us from the right focus, eh?

I want to mention once again that the Cal State Hayward, All Nations Together Pow Wow is on September 26

from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on campus in front of the Music Bldg. It's a beautiful spot with grass and large trees. There will be children's activities available from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gourd dancing at noon and 6 p.m., Grand Entry at 1 and 7 p.m. The Northern Host Drum is Red Eagle, Head Male Dancer is Joe Waukazoo, Head Woman Dancer is April Stanley. For more information, you can call me or go to the club's email — AllNationsCSUH@juno.com

There is also a web site being polished up, so by the time you get this, it should be up and running — tesla.csuhayward.edu/~art/

tempnations/pow.html

Now, about the picnic for this year. I've decided to put it off until next year. I hate doing that, but my family has reminded me that we just have too much going on right now to be able to put it together. Next year will be less eventful and allow for more time to plan, so if you have a site in mind, please let me know. I've had one suggestion for a park in Lodi already.

In my next report/letter to you all, I'll be telling you about the Gathering. We are really looking forward to it. In the meantime, stay cool and be well....

Bama mine'

— Jennifer J. Porter

REGIONAL REPORTS

Oregon/Idaho/Washington

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Boy it is just about pow wow time here in Oregon. Do you want to know how I can tell? The weather is about 95 to 100. Lots of blue sky and warm nights. It reminds me of Shawnee, Oklahoma the last weekend of June.

Doesn't seem like too long ago that I was wondering when we were going to see an end to the rain and here I am trying to work up a rain dance. But all kidding aside, two of our good pow wows will be coming soon. The second week of August will be the Neska Illahee Pow Wow, in Siletz, Oregon and the third weekend will be the Grand Ronde tribe's annual Pow Wow in Grand Ronde, Oregon. Hope some of

you will be able to make it there and practice your dancing. Also, up in Washington, this next month look in on the Skopabsh Pow-Wow at the Muckleshoot Tribal School in Auburn, Washington or the Chief Seattle Day's celebration in Suquamish, WA. Both of these fall on the third weekend of August.

Wildish Construction Co., a union company, is recruiting minorities and women to work in heavy equipment construction trades. This company is a heavy highway general contractor located in Eugene. Most of their work is in Lane County but they also do work in Linn, Benton and Douglas counties. The

opportunities vary during the construction season, but at this particular time they are looking for equipment operators and cement masons. They encourage any interested person looking for work in any of the trades to contact the particular union or them directly to discuss potential hiring opportunities. Construction trade experience or enrollment in a certified apprenticeship program preferred. Interested persons should contact Mr. Ed Lafayette, coordinator of equipment and labor operations, at 541-485-1700 or Wildish Construction Co. P.O. Box 7428, Eugene, OR 977401111-0428

I am a great-grandfather again for the

fourth time. Time does go slow when your waiting around for the mother and baby to get this over with. Anyway I want to congratulate Jeani Lin White, my granddaughter, for such a fine baby boy, Josiah Aaron.

Potawatomi Business of the month is Andrew MacMillen, who has Web Design, Mac & Internet Consulting. Contact Andrew, one of our own Potawatomi, at (360) 779-4097 or write him at 6797 Cedar St. Suquamish, WA. 98392 or andrewmm@amouse.net

Until next month, I hope you will all keep well and walk The Red Road.

Egwien,

— Rocky Baptiste

North Texas

The weather is still the news here in North Texas, hot and hotter. I have heard that the weather has improved in the Pampa and Amarillo area and I hope that also applies to those of you who live in New Mexico. It had been rumored that we could look forward to a couple of days under 100; sure enough, we did have two or three days under 90 degrees. Then, we actually had some rain. Now it is back to 100+.

I'm running on that back to school

calendar even though my kids have all been out of school from 12 to 25 years, but old habits are hard to break. And there are the grandchildren returning from August 12 into September. I hope you are all surviving the heat. Many people are suffering especially if they depend on the land and the weather to earn a living.

Our Business Committee and others of our tribe will be going to the Gathering of the Nations hosted by the

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi at the Pine Creek Reservation, Indiantown Athens, Michigan. I will not be able to attend, but I am looking forward to a report on the meeting. The Gathering last year was wonderful.

November is Native American history month. Among the many activities going on during the month will be the 9th annual American Indian Art Festival & Market on Saturday and

Sunday, Nov. 7 & 8. The location this year will be Fair Park, Dallas, Texas. This will be sponsored by the Dallas Morning News and the American Indian Arts Council, Inc. For more information, call 214-891-9640. Watch your local paper for more events.

Call if you have questions or need enrollment, scholarship or health aids forms. It's always nice to hear from you.

— Marj Hobby

The Story of the Talking Stick

The Talking Stick has been used for many centuries by many American Indian tribes as a means of just and impartial hearing. The talking stick was commonly used in council circles to designate who had the right to speak. When matters of great concern came before the council, the leading elder would hold the talking stick and begin the discussion. When he finished what he had to say, he would hold out the talking stick, and whoever wished to speak after him would take it. In this manner the stick was passed from one individual to another until all who wished to speak had done so. The stick was then passed back to the leading

elder for safekeeping.

Some tribes use a talking feather instead of a talking stick. Other tribes might have a peace pipe, a wampum belt, a sacred shell, or some other object which they designate the right to speak. Whatever the object, it carries respect for free speech and assures the speaker he has the freedom and power to say what is in his heart without fear of reprisal or humiliation.

Whoever holds the Talking Stick has within his hands the sacred power of words. Only he can speak while he holds the stick; the other council members must remain silent. The eagle feather tied to the talking stick gives him the courage and wisdom to speak truth-

fully and wisely. The tiny down feather from the eagle's breast assures that his words will come from his heart, and that they will be soft and loving. The blue stone will remind him that the Great Spirit hears the message of his heart as well as the words will come from his heart, and that they will be soft and loving.

The blue stone will remind him that the Great Spirit hears the message of his heart as well as the words he speaks. The shell, iridescent and ever changing, reminds him that all creation changes. The color of the beads - yellow for the sunrise (east), red for the sunset (west), white for the snow (north), and green for the earth (south) - are symbolic of

the powers of the universe he has in his hands at that moment to speak what is in his heart.

Attached to the head of the stick are strands of hair from the great buffalo. He who speaks may do so with the power and strength of this great beast. The speaker should not forget that he carried within himself a sacred spark of the Great Spirit and therefore he is also sacred. If he falls, he cannot honour the Talking Stick with his words and he should refrain from speaking so he will not dishonor himself.

(Reprinted from N.A.T.I.V.E. Project, July, 1990 Newsletter)

Potawatomi Nation joins effort to count all Native Americans

Before 1998 ends, the Kansas City office of the United States Census Bureau will hire a small army of 30,000 temporary, part-time workers. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has joined the Census Bureau as a partner in this effort.

In early September, the Nation's employment and Training Program hosted two testing and recruiting meetings for the Census Bureau.

In Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Minnesota, workers will compile lists of places where people live or might live. This address listing is the first major activity leading up to Census 2000.

"It is a monumental, but necessary, job," said Henry Palacios, Kansas City Regional Director for the Census Bureau. "At least 5,000 workers are needed in Oklahoma for this first major project leading to Census Day on April 1, 2000."

John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman, urged tribal members and other Native Americans in Oklahoma, the Kansas City region, and across the U.S. to seek out Census Bureau positions. "Ensuring that all Citizen Potawatomi and all Native Americans are counted in this census is imperative," Barrett said.

Palacios said that people who perform these early census tasks well will be con-

sidered for crew leader and other important positions once the Bureau gears up for actual counting.

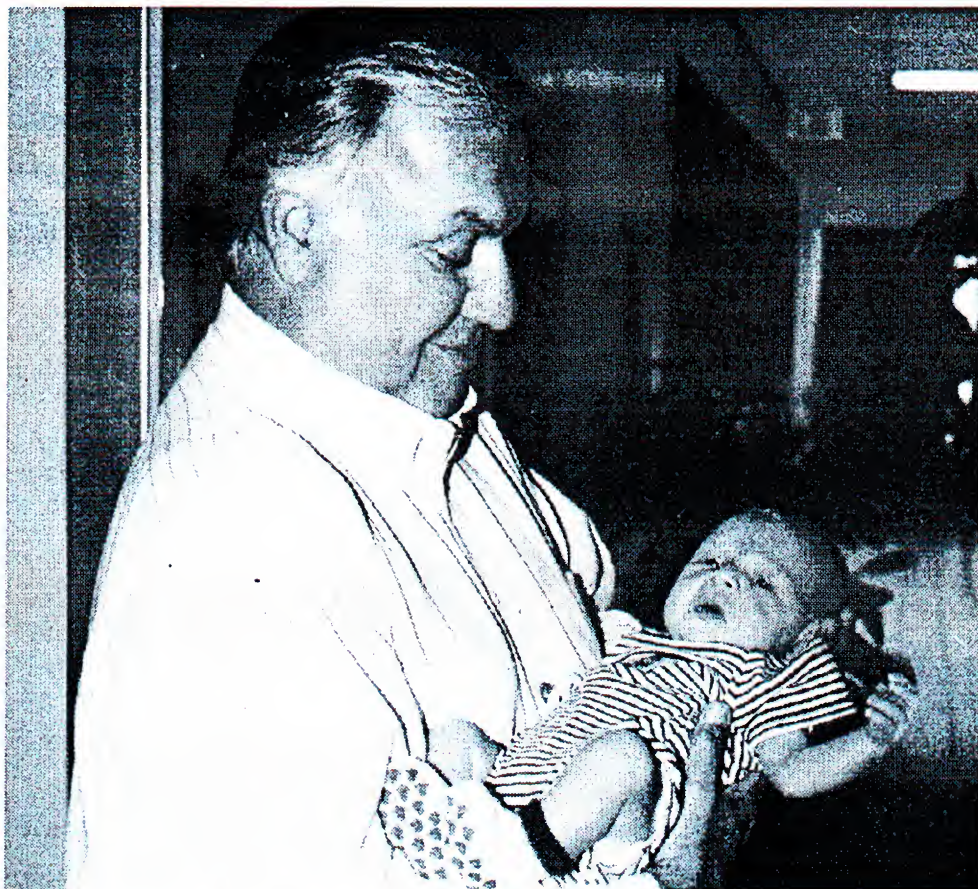
"It's important that Native Americans fill a large number of these positions because they know where the Indians in their areas live and because they are more accepted in these communities," Barrett explained.

He said that an accurate count of Native Americans is important because federal and state funding for programs that provide essential services to Native Americans are based on populations, as counted by the Census Bureau.

This year the "address-listers" will go block by block, recording the locations and addresses of living quarters in rural and suburban areas. In 1999, listers will concentrate on urban areas.

Hourly wages for these temporary, part-time positions will range from \$6.25 to \$8.25, plus approved expenses, such as mileage. All applicants must be either 18 years old or 16 years old and have earned a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) degree.

Information on Census jobs, applications, and instructions is available through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program. Anyone interested can call Margaret Zientek at 405-275-3121.



A Brand-New Barrett

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr. was especially pleased to approve the enrollment of this young fellow recently. The little guy's name is John Adams Barrett III, the son of John Frederick "Jack" and Tiffany Barrett, born July 15, 1998. "Jackson," as he has been nicknamed, is Chairman Barrett's second grandchild and first grandson. This photo was taken on Jackson's one-month birthday, when he was enrolled.

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Maryland tribal member ready for Ironman Triathlon

By **MICHAEL DODSON**
(Annapolis, MD) – When 1,500 of the planet's best-conditioned athletes respond to the starter's gun on October 3, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be among them.

Ron Bowman of Annapolis, Maryland was one of 25,000 triathletes who competed for admission to the Ironman Triathlon World Championship. He is one of the 1,500 selected to compete.

The Ironman is the ultimate challenge for most triathletes. It consists of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride, and a marathon run – 26 miles 385 yards.

Bowman said that he has been trying almost every year for 15 years to get to the Ironman starting line. He describes himself as "a middle-of-the-pack guy." Bowman hopes to finish the triathlon in about 15 hours. The time limit for the Ironman is 17 hours.

Do not let his description deceive. Bowman's athletic achievements are significant. He completes in four to five triathlons each year – and has for the past 15 years. In addition, during that period, he has run 26 marathons and 19 ultramarathons, including three 100-mile runs.

"First, I started doing marathons, in 1982. After about four years of marathons, and my tenth marathon, I got interested in triathlons. It was the natural next step. It was just a little bit more of a challenge."

Bowman's training regime? In preparation for the Ironman, which will be contested in



Potawatomi Triathlete Ron Bowman

Kona, Hawaii, he swims two miles thrice weekly and bikes and runs four or five times each week.

"I accepted long ago that, when you're training and exercising more than three times a week for 30 minutes each time, you're doing it for more than just fitness," Bowman told the *HowNiKan*. "At that point, you're doing it for the mental satisfaction, the challenge of it, for the accom-

plishment, and, my wife says, because you're a little bit crazy."

The training equals sacrifices for Bowman's wife, too. "It's like a second job. I come home from work and immediately start a workout that will last two to three hours. That means that I don't do those chores around the house that I would normally do."

For a while, during the summer, a recurring calf muscle

injury prevented Bowman's running very much. He was not worried. "My main comfort is with the running," Bowman said. "I'm not concerned about fatigue or not being able to finish it (the Ironman Triathlon). I know from my ultra training that, once I get to the run, I can finish."

In Bowman's mind, the 112-mile bike ride will be the major challenge in Hawaii. "Ninety degree heat and 50 mile per hour winds are not something you train for," he explained.

Bowman readily accepts the responsibility of being a role model for Native Americans, young and old, who aspire to significant accomplishments. "I take it very seriously," he said.

He sees life's accolades and rewards as a fortunate product, sometimes almost a by-product, of diligent preparation. "I think it's important for everybody to have goals and not be deterred while working toward those goals."

Bowman warns that "it's easy to get sidetracked." But, he added, "if you keep your goals in mind and keep working toward them, strange things, like getting into the Ironman Triathlon, can happen, too – to just about anyone."

To achieve at Bowman's level, one must "keep focused while, at the same time, keeping things in perspective." He warned against compulsiveness and single-mindedness.

Bowman's parents are Barbara and Ken Bowman of Monroe, Oregon. His maternal grandparents, his Potawatomi ancestors, are the late Margaret and Ernest Rehard. His paternal

grandparents are the late Marie and Ken Bowman.

A U.S. Naval Academy graduate, Bowman retired from the Navy in 1993, following a 21-year career. He accepted a position at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1993. The following year, Bowman was detailed to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior.

Human Resources Automated Systems Administrator is Bowman's title at the Interior Secretary's office. "This means that I oversee the automated processes within the personnel area for the entire Department of the Interior," Bowman said.

"I hook computers together with the processes that make things easier for the employees who work on those computers."

Bowman's wife Lynn Hopkins also works for the Interior Department, as a Computer Systems Network Manager. They are the very proud parents of 22-year-old Kristen and 20-year-old Ronald Lee.

Kristen recently graduated from Hood College, in Frederick, Maryland, with an education degree. She is interested in teaching on a Native American reservation in New Mexico or Oregon.

Lee is a student at Towson University in Maryland. He is a senior, having reached that level a year early through hard work and a heavy course load. A psychology major, Lee has been selected for the prestigious National Honor Society for Psychology, made up of the top one percent of psychology students.



Tribe helps keep state beautiful

By **DENETTE BRAND**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation manned a booth at the "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful 1998 Summer Environmental Conference" August 19-20. Tribal representatives Linda Capps, Vice Chairman; Hilton Melot, Business Committee member; and J.C. Jackson, part-time Tribal Officer and an employee for the Department of Transportation; staffed the booth. They offered information about the Potawatomi Tribe and its efforts to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful.

"This gave the Tribe an opportunity to show that we are conscious of environmental issues and that we are working towards making our members aware of the environmental concerns for our future leaders," Capps said. "The CPN was the only Native American Nation represented at this conference."

The Honorable Susan Savage, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, delivered the keynote address. Mayor Savage spoke on methods for being environmentally conscious and how to gain support in doing so. Workshops were offered in three basic tracks, which allowed participants to choose from a variety of relevant topics that were of interest to their efforts.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to thank all of those who are consciously making an effort to "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" for our future. If you would like more information about the Nation's efforts on environmental issues, please contact K.C. Kraft at (405) 878-4675.

Potawatomi legislator seeks Gorton 'girlcott'

By DENETTE BRAND

Jackie Taylor, Citizen Potawatomi Tribal member, visited Shawnee, Oklahoma, for the 25th annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow. Mrs. Taylor grew up in Thomas, Oklahoma and graduated from Thomas High School.

Mrs. Taylor married in 1955 and a few years later moved to Idaho. In Idaho, she and her husband partnered in independent drug stores as she also pursued a career in social work while her children were growing up. The Taylors later moved to Oregon, where she became involved in politics.

In 1990, Mrs. Taylor was asked by a group of friends if she would run for an open seat in the legislature. She accepted their support and told the friends that, if she were to do this, she would need their support.

Taylor was one of four candidates in the Primary Election. She won in her initial foray into elective politics. She told the *HowNiKan* that this was a significant accomplishment because one of her opponents had a vibrant past in politics.

Jackie Taylor thus became the State



Rep. Jackie Taylor

Representative for Clatsop and Columbia Counties, in Oregon. This year marked Taylor's third term in office. If she returns in 1999, she will have seniority

in both houses because of her service over the past nine years.

While visiting Shawnee, Rep. Taylor, a Democrat, discussed her accomplishments as a legislator. Since taking office, Rep. Taylor has faced many tough opponents on important issues. U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, (Rep.-WA) and an owner of the Gorton Seafood Products company, is among the toughest.

Sen. Gorton is an outspoken opponent of Native American sovereignty; he is sponsoring legislation that is aimed at severely curtailing sovereignty, as Native Americans know it.

Gorton has tried to pass national legislation that would infringe on the sovereignty of Native Americans by voiding treaty rights for fishing. That would have the effect of reducing competition for the fishing industry and give Gorton Seafood Products a better chance to profit.

Rep. Taylor is asking all Native Americans, particularly women, to join her, in what she calls a "girlcott" of Gorton Seafood Products. She is asking that Native Americans who support sovereignty and economic development

for their people to refuse to buy Gorton seafood products. The battle with Sen. Gorton has just begun. However, Rep. Taylor is committed to this battle and other efforts to improve conditions for Native Americans and preserve their rights.

Rep. Taylor has also taken an active role in the "Salmon for All" movement. This movement is focused on enhancing the habitat and recovering threatened species so that future generations can enjoy the same aquatic experiences that we do today. "Salmon for All" members do not want to see pollution and other natural causes eliminate the fishing trade.

Rep. Taylor has served on the legislative committee for Indian Services and the Human Resources Committee, both of which help numerous people. She would like to see parents "stay engaged" in as many activities as they can to help build their children's futures. Being able to see children visit the Oregon capitol reminds her of why she is there.

Rep. Taylor encourages citizens to play active roles in the community.

Native American Job Fair set for Oct. 14th in Tulsa

As a result of the success of the previous Native American job fair, held in February 1998, the *Oklahoma Indian Times* is planning a second such event. The next OKIT Job Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14. It will be held at the Sheraton-Tulsa Hotel, located at 51st and Garnett.

At least 1,700 Indian people, young and older, attended the February job fair from a four-state area, taking along their resumes and their hopes for a better future. They filled out applications and turned over resumes to representatives of 58 companies, who were looking specifically to hire Native Americans.

Such companies as Southwest Airlines, NationsBank, Lucent Technologies, Arby's Restaurants, Albertson's Supermarkets and many others hosted booths at the first OKIT Job Fair.

"We feel this job fair can be even larger, with new companies having a better understanding of the tax incentives (available for hiring enrolled tribal members or their spouses), along with the new companies from February," said Elizabeth Gray, co-publisher of *Oklahoma Indian Times*.

"These companies commented that they had never attended a job fair at which the applicants were so numerous and so qualified," Gray said.

Labor Force Estimates Reports show that fully 50% of the Native American working population in Oklahoma is either unemployed or working for less than a livable wage. "The tax incentives represent an opportunity to change those numbers for the better," said Jim Gray, OKIT co-publisher. "The Native American population brings too many advantages to Oklahoma to not receive something in return. We know this job fair can help make a difference."

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 makes it possible for companies across most of Oklahoma (in all or parts of 63 counties) to receive federal income tax credits of as much as \$4,000 per year per Native American employee for hiring enrolled tribal members or their spouses.

The Grays encourage Native American college students who are entering the job market, trade or technical school graduates, and anyone simply looking for a good job to attend the job fair.

Businesses that would like to be represented at the Job Fair or which want more information about it can call the *Oklahoma Indian Times* office at 918-438-6548.

SUMMER FEAST

September 30 - October 3, 1998

Wednesday 30th - Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

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Friday 2nd - Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

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November 4 - November 7, 1998

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Friday 6th - Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

Saturday 7th - Ceremonies: Sunrise - Noon - Sunset

Noon ending feast after the ceremony and talks

Prayer services are scheduled at the above times. Please, RSVP to Tracey Gibson at 275-3121, ext. 270, Norman Kiker at ext. 232, or Vicki Waugh at ext. 233. This will help us in our preparation. Our staff will advise you of anything that we may need help with.

There will be further activities scheduled. Please, call and we will mail that information or give it to you by phone.

This is a family experience and I encourage each of you to bring your young people. We will all learn together about our Potawatomi culture and language.

Ceremonies may be attended at any, or all, of the scheduled times.

- Norman Kiker, Chaplain

Watts responds to youth letter about funding

The July 1998 edition of the *HowNikan* contained an article centered on a letter prepared by Estee Necole Tallbear (Iowa/Citizen Potawatomi) in an effort to spare funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

As a Summer Youth Program worker in the Potawatomi Nation Public Information Department, Miss Tallbear interviewed other program participants. Her letter/article related a compelling story about the good that the program accomplishes in the lives of Native American teens and young adults.

Ms. Tallbear mailed the letter to several members of the U.S. Congress, who will soon make a decision on the Summer Youth Employment Program's fate for the fiscal year that begins on October 1, 1998.

H.R. 4274, the appropriations measure for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, a U.S. House committee has recommended no funding for the program.

H.R. 4274 contains this language about Summer Youth Employment Program funding: "The Committee believes that this program is a lower-priority federal activity that we cannot afford this year because of the extremely tight budget caps under which we are operating. This program can be funded by states and localities if the need is great in their geographic areas and by the private sector. Private sector jobs would be much more useful and productive for these young people in any event."

One member of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, U.S. Rep. Julius Caesar Watts, Jr. (Rep.-Norman), has responded to Miss Tallbear's letter. Rep. Watts thanked her for writing and pointed out that H.R. 4274 is ready for debate and a vote in Congress in September.

Rep. Watts stopped short of promising to work for, or vote for, continued funding for the Youth Program. He said, "Recognizing the success of the JTPA Summer Youth Program, I can appreciate your concern for the loss of funding, and I will certainly have your views in mind as we debate this issue in the House."

Congressman Watts concluded with, "Please continue to stay in touch with me on issues of our mutual concern, and know that when this bill comes before the full house I will have your views in mind."

Language and Culture

Lesson - 4

A MESSAGE that many of us have heard from present day elders. this message was also given to our ancestors.

Nowi - a long time ago - ki kye'kye' mgomen neko - our elders or teachers told us.

Ke'go ke'tomen ode nishnbe'mowen - don't loose this indian language.

Wamshe'm bye'wad chamokmane'k - Before many white men came - Nishnabe'k kimen o wik - the people had a good life.

This message was given to our ancestors on many occasions throughout past centuries and many of those who listened to it didn't hold on to the words of their elders and it slipped away from them and consequently from future generations. Please join me now in hearing this message and honoring those elders who wanted us to keep our culture and language. Please support the preservation of language and cultural work. Let your tribal leaders know that you are interested in understanding the ways of our nishnabe'People. I assure you that I am dedicated to the task that presents itself and the bringing of our cultural life to you. With your help we will once again gather those ways to our people.

I hope you enjoy the lessons presented in the How nikan, please let me know,

Igwyen Nikanyeg.

Norman Kiker, Language and Culture

Listen good - I je'na ke'go awid makoye'n

He/ she tells lies - Kin we'skago

Really the truth -We'we'ne'

Every thing is going good. - Mnomget

At this time - odopi

Maybe the truth - tebwe'men

Do you understand? - se'tage ne'

Look at the cow. - nekshe'o sheke'

Are you cold? - Pige'ch Ne'

He /she is full - depseni

Where are you going - Nipije e'zhya yen

This right here - I topwen

It probably is - Ye'te'k

No, I don't know what your saying - Cho ni Kande'sin

Cold outside -Shate'mget

Cool inside - ke'yamge't

Cool outside - se'nyaswen

Are you going to dance?- Kwi nime'ti ne'-

I might or sure thing - me'me'jek

Maybe so - Neme'tse'na

No, I'm to tired - Cho, tosam bye'ye'kwes

Are you going to see it / that - Kwi wab ke' ne'

To give - Mikwe'n

To build the fire - Bodwe'n

Poor person - temakse't

Super poor person - Ke'tmakse't

What time is it -Nije'tso yawek

That's mine - Nin ma i

Poor person - Bok schga wak

Poor pitiful - Temakse'

Poor people - Temaksik

What time did you get here? - Nijepi kaya bye'zhnen

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